

**MEETING SUMMARY FOR  
MENTAL HEALTH OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COUNCIL  
November 17, 2005  
Knights of Columbus Hall, Helena**

Members Present: Mignon Waterman, Joyce DeCunzo, Tom Peluso, Gary Popeil, Tiffani Pimley, Suzanne Hopkins, Bob Jahner, Jacob Wagner; Kathleen Nelson, Pam Koepplin, Boyd Roth, Diana Auerhammer, Jim Fitzgerald, Jo Shipman, Joan Daly, Barbara Hogg, Leslie Edgcomb, Don Harr, and Liam Holton

Members Absent: Drew Shoening, Karen Ward, Gerald Pease, Dan Weinberg, Leroy Bingham, and Bill Kennedy (Carl Silstad attended in Kennedy's absence)

Staff Present: Carol Davidson and Marcia Armstrong

Interested Parties and Staff: Dan Ladd, Cheryl Nystrom, Jane Wilson, Mary Jane Fox, Lou Thompson, Pete Surdock, and Bonnie Adee

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
Meeting Schedule	<p>Council will have two-day meetings quarterly. Meetings will begin at 10:00 am to allow for morning travel and end the second day by 2:00 or 3:00 pm.</p> <p>Meeting dates scheduled. The dates may change if there is a conflict with Interim Committee meetings.</p> <p>All written reports will be due to Carol, two weeks prior to scheduled meetings.</p>	<p>February 16 – 17, 2006 May 18 – 19, 2006 August 17 – 18, 2006 November 16 – 17, 2006</p>

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Ombudsman Report – Bonnie Adee	<p>The Department of Public Health &amp; Human Services (DPPHS) has agreed to allow Ombudsman Office access to confidential information when necessary for investigation.</p> <p>The Governor’s Office is beginning to participate in discussions with Department of Corrections and DPHHS.</p> <p>Concerned about access to MHSP. How to get MHSP and how long it will take is different with each contractor.</p> <p>Linkages have not been built into SAA/LAC communication.</p>	<p>Suggest send report electronically quarterly to SAAs.</p> <p>Put toll free number on all reports.</p>
Health Resources Division Report – Pete Surdock	<p>Mary Dalton will be the administrator for Health Resources Division.</p> <p>The SED waiver is moving forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Narrowing down the eligibility.</li> <li>• Conference call with CMS for further clarification.</li> <li>• Has to complete financial analysis.</li> <li>• A comment period will be held with a METNET conference and regional meetings.</li> <li>• Targeted to those youth who are Medicaid eligible and access inpatient or at risk of accessing high-end services.</li> <li>• Will be a phased in waiver with specific communities such as the Systems of Care (SOC) communities.</li> </ul>	

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Addictive and Mental Disorders Division – Joyce DeCunzo	<p>The Division will be looking at next steps for peer services and what can be done without new money.</p> <p>The Executive Planning Process (EPP): January to April each division will be setting priorities for the next legislative session. Each division will be attempting to get their priorities into the Department priorities. The Department Director and Deputy Director will be finalizing the priorities and sending to the Governor's Office. The Governor's Office will make the ultimate decision.</p> <p>Thirty-five new staff added to the Montana State Hospital (MSH) due to the high admissions. Suggestion was made to look at adding or paying for more beds at the Billings, Kalispell and Missoula hospitals.</p>	
Block Grant Review Report	The Block Grant was approved November 9, 2005 with modifications. The Block Grant will be for one fiscal year.	The Children and Adult's Mental Health Bureau will submit the modifications within one month.
Block Grant Standing Committee Report	<p>Bob Jahner is chair with Leslie Edgcomb as vice chair. Other members are Mignon Waterman and Karen Ward.</p> <p>The Implementation report will be sent out with comments due by November 28.</p>	<p>February 1 a progress report on the FY 2006 Block Grant will be sent to the Council. This will help Council to start compiling issues that need to be included in FY 2007 Block Grant.</p> <p>August 1 a draft FY 2007 Block Grant will be sent to Council for review.</p>

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Development Standing Committee Report	<p>Don Harr is chair and Jo Shipman is vice-chair. Other members are: Suzanne Hopkins, Barb Hogg, and Joyce DeCunzo.</p> <p>An expenditure report on the Council's budget will be given at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Committee will prepare an amendment on public participation to the bylaws at the next meeting for review and approval.</p> <p>Nominating new members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State agencies need to appoint their representatives.</li> <li>• The committee needs to send request for filling vacancies by April 1 to the Governor's office.</li> </ul> <p>A contact needs to be made to those persons absent from the Council without an excuse.</p> <p>Those Council needs to have mentors available to new Council members.</p>	<p>Don Harr and Mignon Waterman will discuss the protocol.</p> <p>Any Council member wishing to have a mentor should contact Barb Hogg.</p>
Advocacy Standing Committee Report	<p>Jim Fitzgerald is chair, Joan Daly is vice-chair and Pam Koepplin is secretary. The members include: Tom Peluso, Jacob Wagner, Diana Auerhammer, Liam Holton, Bill Kennedy (Carl Silstad), Kathleen Nelson, Gerald Pease, Tiffani Pimley, Gary Popiel, Boyd Roth, Drew Schoening, Jacob Wagner, and Dan Weinberg.</p>	

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Criminal Justice Task Force Report	<p>Drew Schoening is chair and Bill Kennedy is vice-chair. Other members include: Diana Auerhammer, Leslie Edgcomb, Don Harr, Gerald Pease, Jo Shipman and Karen Ward.</p> <p>The tentative task items are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diverting those persons with mental illness from the criminal justice system.</li> <li>• Improve the treatment of those persons with mental illness that are in the correctional system.</li> <li>• Improve the transition from those persons being released from the correctional facilities to the communities.</li> </ul> <p>Suggest asking Bill Slaughter to the February meeting to discuss the special needs unit in the prison system.</p> <p>Look at the Community Intervention Team (CIT) for some level of training for the law enforcement.</p>	Refer to Executive Committee for inclusion in agenda.
Peer Services Task Force Report	<p>Kathleen Nelson is chair and Suzanne Hopkins is vice-chair. Other members are: Jacob Wagner, Liam Holton, Pam Koepplin, and Mignon Waterman.</p> <p>Tasks are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop an action plan for implementing peer services.</li> </ul>	

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Peer Services Continued	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look at developing a successful program or pilot in Montana.</li> <li>• Have a trainer of trainers program similar to Georgia and South Carolina.</li> <li>• Establish an email distribution list for the committee.</li> </ul>	Marcia will establish email distribution list.
Crisis Intervention Task Force Report	<p>Tom Peluso is chair and Joan Daly is vice-chair. Other members include: Jim Fitzgerald, Barb Hogg, Bob Jahner, Tiffani Pimley, Gary Popiel, Boyd Roth, and Dan Weinberg.</p> <p>The goal is to collaborate with SAAs and AMDD to define the essential elements of a statewide crisis response system for children and adults.</p> <p>Recommend AMDD develop a RFP or start a process for a pilot project by March 1 for crisis response services. To implement the initial projects for crisis response with evaluation for effectiveness and possible duplication in the future. This will quantify the cost of an effective system to budget for the EPP and 2007 legislative session.</p>	Encourage that one of the models would be to ensure people in crisis will remain closest to their home community.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**February 16-17, 2006**  
**May 18-19, 2006**  
**August 17-18, 2006**

**November 16-17, 2006**